

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, claim 8 stands rejected. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable.

Claim 8 has been canceled. No claims are added. As such, claims 1-7 remain pending.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 were allowed in the Office Action mailed April 26, 2006. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to interview the case with Applicants' undersigned representative on August 1, 2006. As a result of said interview, Applicants have decided to cancel Claim 8. Claims 1-7, previously amended, are presented for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 59474.21501.

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